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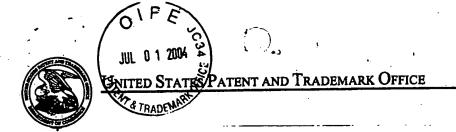
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Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Speices 19 in Paper No. 12 is acknowledged. However, claims 4-6 are alternative to the composite interconnection elements; claims 12-13 are alternative to brazing; claim 22 is alternative to etching removal in claim 21; claim 29 is alternative to joining the contact tip structures to the ends of the interconnection elements; and claim 30 is drawn to Fig. 3A. Therefore, claims 1-3, 7-11, 14-21, 23-28 and 31 will be examined.

Specification

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper content of an abstract of the disclosure.

A patent abstract is a concise statement of the technical disclosure of the patent and should include that which is new in the art to which the invention pertains. If the patent is of a basic nature, the entire technical disclosure may be new in the art, and the abstract should be directed to the entire disclosure. If the patent is in the nature of an improvement in an old apparatus, process, product, or composition, the abstract should include the technical disclosure of the improvement. In certain patents, particularly those for compounds and compositions, wherein the process for making and/or the use thereof are not obvious, the abstract should set forth a process for making and/or use thereof. If the new technical disclosure involves modifications or alternatives, the abstract should mention by way of example the preferred modification or alternative.

The abstract should not refer to purported merits or speculative applications of the invention and should not compare the invention with the prior art.

Where applicable, the abstract should include the following:

- (1) if a machine or apparatus, its organization and operation,
- (2) if an article, its method of making,
- (3) if a chemical compound, its identity and use;
- (4) if a mixture, its ingredients;
- (5) if a process, the steps.

Extensive mechanical and design details of apparatus should not be given.

3. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

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The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

4. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Some of the dependent claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

For example, claims 11-12 and 23 are not in the proper method format. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this

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subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 1-2, 7, 15-19, 25, 27-28 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Covell, II et al (US 5,718,367).

Covell discloses pre-fabricating elongate contact tip structures (70) having a one end and an other end on a sacrificial substrate (50; 70 are on 50 by turning 90 degrees vertically); joining 70 to interconnection elements (93); removing 50; 93 are elongate; 72 is a topological contact feature to insert into conductive vias of a printed circuit board to enhance electrical pressure connections; 93 are elongate and formed on 95 which is a semiconductor carrier; Fig. 6 shows first 70 on the far left-hand side is in alternating orientation with another 70 located opposite corner on 95; integral 70, 71 and 72 are elongate, tapered and 3-Dimensional; 93 are resident on 95; and integral 70-71-72 are precisely located with each other as shown in Fig. 6

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 10. Claims 3 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Covell, II et al (US 5,718,367) in view of Kanji et al (US 5,067,007).

Covell fails to disclose providing composite interconnection elements and brazing the interconnection elements to the contact tip.

Kanji discloses providing composite interconnection elements (11) and brazing the interconnection elements to the contact tip (12).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Covell by providing composite interconnection elements and brazing the interconnection elements to the contact tip, as taught by Kanji, for the purpose of increasing the number of pins on a printed circuit board by forming resilient pins and easily re-brazing the connections resulted from improper brazed connections.

11. Claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Covell, II et al (US 5,718,367) in view of Feigenbaum (US 5,307,561).

Covell fails to disclose forming the topological contact feature in the shape of a pyramid, a truncated pyramid or one or more dimples.

Feigenbaum discloses forming the topological contact feature in the shape of a pyramid (Fig. 5).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Covell by forming the topological contact feature in the shape of a pyramid, as taught by Feigenbaum, for the purpose of enhancing electrical communication between the mating devices by readily penetrating through the oxidation layer on the mating device.

At the time the invention was made, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to a person of ordinary skill in the art to form the topological contact feature in the shape of a truncated pyramid or one or more dimples because Applicants have not disclosed that forming the topological contact feature in the shape of a truncated pyramid or one or more dimples provides an advantage, is used for a particular purpose, or solves a stated problem. One of ordinary skill in the art, furthermore, would have expected Applicant's invention to perform equally well with tapered or pyramid shape topological contact feature. Therefore, it would have

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been an obvious matter of design choice to modify Covell to obtain the invention as specified in claims 9-10.

12. Claims 14, 21 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Covell, II et al (US 5,718,367) in view of Tada et al (US 5,042,148).

Covell fails to disclose forming the tip structures from lithographic process by masking the sacrificial substrate, forming openings in the masking layer, depositing at least one of a nickel layer and etching the sacrificial substrate.

Tada discloses forming the tip structures from lithographic process by masking the sacrificial substrate, forming openings in the masking layer, depositing at least one of a nickel layer (Figs. 4A-4J), and etching the sacrificial substrate (100 is etched).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Covell by forming the tip structures from lithographic process by masking the sacrificial substrate, forming openings in the masking layer, and depositing at least one of a nickel layer, as taught by Tada, for the purpose of forming fine electrical circuits.

13. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Covell, II et al (US 5,718,367).

Covell discloses forming tapered tip structures 71 in another direction (going down), less than orthogonal (71 is less than 90 degrees in respect to the vertical direction) to the first direction from the one end to the opposite end thereof.

At the time the invention was made, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to a person of ordinary skill in the art to form tapered tip structures orthogonal to the first direction because Applicants have not disclosed that forming tapered tip structures orthogonal to

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the first direction provides an advantage, is used for a particular purpose, or solves a stated problem. One of ordinary skill in the art, furthermore, would have expected Applicant's invention to perform equally well with less than orthogonal to the first direction. Therefore, it would have been an obvious matter of design choice to modify Covell to obtain the invention as specified in claim 26.

14. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Covell, II et al (US 5,718,367) in view of Hayama et al (US 6,378,424).

Covell fails to disclose that the elongate contact tip structures are of alternating length.

Hayama discloses that the elongate contact tip structures are of alternating length (Fig. 8 shows 24 are alternating lengths).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Covell by the elongate contact tip structures of alternating length, as taught by Hayama, for the purpose of mounting different thickness electronic components to provide a same thickness printed circuit board.

Conclusion

15. Please provide reference numerals (either in parentheses next to the claimed limitation or in a table format with one column listing the claimed limitation and another column listing corresponding reference numerals in the remark section of the response to the Office Action) to all the claimed limitations as well as support in the disclosure for better clarity. Applicants are duly reminded that a full and proper response to this Office Action that includes any amendment to the claims and specification of the application as

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originally filed requires that the applicant point out the support for any amendment made to the disclosure, including the claims. See 37 CFR 1.111 and MPEP 2163.06.

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rick K. Chang whose telephone number is (703) 308-4784. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

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